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**BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE**

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MEETING MINUTES:	<b>BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE</b>
DATE AND TIME:	<b>March 16, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.</b>
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room A</b> , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	<b>May 18, 2017</b>

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Thomas A. Mercer, DDS, Professional Member, President  
Dr. Brian McAllister, DMD, Professional Member, Secretary  
Dr. Bruce Matthews, DDS, Professional Member  
Buffy Parker, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member  
Mary Trinkle, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member  
June Ewing, Public Member  
Joseph Stormer, Public Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Ryan Barnhart, DDS, Professional Member  
Rozi Berberian, Public Member  
Dr. Sharon Welsh, DDS, Professional Member

**DIVISION STAFF**

Meredith Hurley, Administrative Specialist II  
Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General

**OTHERS PRESENT**

None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Mercer called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

**PUBLIC RULES AND REGULATIONS HEARING**

The public hearing was called to order at 3:10 p.m. Verbatim testimony was recorded electronically. Ms. Singh stated the purpose of the hearing. The Board introduced themselves for the record. The following items were marked as Board Exhibits for the record: Board Exhibit 1 – News Journal publication affidavit and Board Exhibit 2 – Delaware State News publication affidavit. The floor was opened for public comments. There were no public comments. The Board will deliberate on all public comments during the May 18, 2017 meeting. The Board went off the record at 3:13 p.m.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2017**

Dr. Matthews moved, seconded by Ms. Parker, to approve the January 19, 2017 meeting minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Review and Consider Hearing Officer Recommendations**

#### **Holli Houdek – G2-0002556**

Ms. Houdek's recommendations were brought back for a second review in light of exceptions that were not submitted previously.

After review and deliberation, Dr. Matthews moved, seconded by Ms. Parker, to reject the Hearing Officer recommendations for Holli Houdek and instead impose a CBC flag on her record if she decides to reinstate her license in Delaware. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Unrestricted Facility Recertification**

It was brought to the attention of a Board member that the Division's online verification did not specify if an unrestricted permit was for a facility or an individual. This is considered a very important piece of a person's license that is missing. Ms. Hurley advised that it has been mentioned to the team that manages the Division's website.

Dr. Mercer stated he would like to invite Dr. Petrunich, from the Anesthesia Advisory Committee, to the next Board meeting to walk the Board through the unrestricted permit process.

### **Review and Consider Final Order on Hearing Officer Recommendations**

Dr. Mercer signed the final orders on the hearing officer recommendations for the licensees listed below.

Vicki Johnson – G2-0002357

George Cunningham – G1-0000655

### **Complaint Updates**

The Board was informed that complaints #09-07-16, #09-09-16, and #09-11-16 were dismissed due to insufficient evidence.

### **Discipline and Compliance**

Dr. McAllister moved, seconded by Dr. Mercer, to table the quarterly audit report from Marieve Rodriguez until the next meeting. The motion carried with Ms. Parker and Ms. Trinkle abstaining.

### **Hearing Panel Nominations**

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Stormer, to nominate the following for the hearing panel for the April 5, 2017 hearing for Dr. Derenzo and Ms. Davolos.

Chair for the Panel – Dr. Mercer  
Dentists - Dr. Mercer and Dr. Barnhart with Dr. McAllister as an alternate.  
Hygienist – Ms. Trinkle  
Public member – Ms. Ewing with Mr. Stormer as an alternate.

By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Review of Continuing Education Activities

Dr. Mercer moved, seconded by Dr. McAllister, to approve the 1 hour course submitted by Jamie Ahl for “Class III Skeletal Growth and Treatment.” By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Ratification of Dental Hygienist Applications

Dr. Mercer moved, seconded by Ms. Trinkle, to ratify the dental hygienist licenses listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Elizabeth Wynne  
Samantha Palermo

#### Ratification of Dental Applications

Dr. Mercer moved, seconded by Dr. Matthews, to ratify the dental licenses listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Alexandra Malebranche  
Jiten Pinakin Patel  
Gardenia Searcy  
Christopher Appleman  
Paul Leatham

#### Ratification of Restricted II Permits

Dr. Mercer moved, seconded by Dr. Matthews, to ratify the restricted II permits listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Alexandra Malebranche  
Robert Friedberg  
Georgette Binnersley  
Bruce Fisher

#### Ratification of Unrestricted Permits

Dr. Mercer moved, seconded by Dr. Matthews, to ratify the unrestricted permits listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

David Dieu – Individual  
Ray Petrunich - Individual

#### Review of Post-Renewal Continuing Education Audit

Dr. McAllister moved, seconded by Dr. Mercer, to accept the continuing education credits for infection control up until the rule to show cause hearing dates even if they are outside of the renewal period, but they

may not be used for the next renewal period and may be flagged for the next audit. Those that do not comply will have a rule to show cause hearing. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Continuing Education Documentation of Christopher Fortin Pursuant to Final Order

Dr. Mercer moved, seconded by Mr. Stormer, to approve the continuing education courses submitted by Christopher Fortin pursuant to his consent agreement. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed the information from the Commission on Dental Accreditation and the 2016 ADA Sedation and Anesthesia Guidelines. This was informational only.

**OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (For discussion only)**

The Board discussed reducing the limit of candidates for the dental exams. The maximum is 18 but they would like to see a lower number due to the amount of chairs available at the test site. This subject will be added to the next agenda for further discussion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Dr. Mercer moved, seconded by Dr. McAllister, to adjourn the meeting at 4:59 p.m. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meredith Hurley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Meredith Hurley  
Administrative Specialist II